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Title: Improved Manufacture of Combination Spoon and Straw  
Utensils and Novel Straw and Dip Tube Configurations

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**RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed September 14, 2004, the applicant elects claims 1 through 10 drawn to a spoon and straw combination utensil having a bowl portion and Species I depicted in Figures 1 through 8.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this response.